

# Biosafety Committee

## Terms of Reference:

1. Approve or reject all experimental work using genetically modified (GM) and wild-type organisms (including viruses and derived cell lines) based on the recommendations of the expert users on the Committee. A quorum of at least 4 members with relevant expertise is required for approval of Class 1 GM activities; a quorum of 7 members is required for approval to work with Hazard Group 2 or above biological agents, and Class 2 or above GM activities.
2. Approve or reject projects involving animal or plant pathogens that may have an adverse effect on the wider environment.
3. Approve or reject proposals using any organisms listed under Schedule 1 of the Specified Animal Pathogen Order (SAPO) 2008.
4. Promote appropriate training programmes and record keeping for workers in biological laboratories and for work with HG 2 and 3 and Class 2 and 3 organisms.
5. Development of Local Rules for work with biological agents in the University.
6. Consideration of accidents and incidents involving biological agents, including those from other institutions which could have implications for the University of Sheffield.
7. Liaise with University Occupational Health provider over occupational health issues.
8. Ensuring all statutory notifications are made, as required by the Genetically Modified Organisms (Contained Use) Regulations 2014, to the Health & Safety Executive (HSE).
9. Consider the implications of any Regulatory inspections, advice or guidance given.
10. Any additional data recording and reporting, as appropriate to the remit of the Committee.
11. To formally meet three times per year, and to invite all Departmental Biological Safety Officers to attend open meetings.

**Reports to:** UEB Health and Safety Committee.

## Membership:

### *Chair:*

Dr Martin Nicklin

2019-22, 2022-25

### *Representatives of the Faculty of Engineering:*

David Wengraf (Chemical & Biological Engineering)

### *Representatives of the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry & Health:*

Dr Thushan de Silva (Infection, Immunity & Cardiovascular Disease)

Dr Stuart Hunt (Academic Unit of Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology)

Dr Munitta Muthana (Oncology & Metabolism)

Dr Martin Nicklin (Infection, Immunity & Cardiovascular Disease)

Dr Jonathan Shaw (Infection, Immunity & Cardiovascular Disease)

Dr Jonathan Wood (Neuroscience)

### *Representatives of the Faculty of Science:*

Dr Stuart Casson (School of Biosciences)

Dr Barbara Ciani (Chemistry)

Professor Tim Daniell (School of Biosciences)

Dr Paul Gokhale (School of Biosciences)

Dr Philip Mitchell (School of Biosciences)
Dr Rosemary Staniforth (School of Biosciences)
Dr Fredericus Van Eeden (School of Biosciences)

<i>Representative of Biological Services</i>	Dr Alan Hart
<i>Representative of the Veterinary Unit/SAPO Licensing</i>	Dr Lucy Whitfield
<i>Two representatives of Health &amp; Safety</i>	Daniel Harrison
	John McKie
<i>Environment &amp; IMS Manager, EFM</i>	Charlotte Winnert

<i>In attendance:</i>	
N/A	

<i>Secretary</i>	Tsz Chin Lau (Health & Safety)
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